

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY-PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY-PARISH OF LAFAYETTE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF JANUARY 6, 2004.

ATTENDANCE

COUNCIL: Bobby Badeaux (District 1), Dale Bourgeois (District 2), Christopher J. Williams, Ph.D., (District 3), Louis C. Benjamin, Jr. (District 4), Lenwood Broussard (District 5), Bruce Conque (District 6), Marc Mouton (District 7), Rob Stevenson (District 8), Randy Menard (District 9)

ABSENT: None

COUNCIL STAFF: Norma Dugas (Clerk of the Council), and Anne Patin (Senior Administrative Assistant)

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF: L. J. Durel, Jr. (City-Parish President), Dee Stanley (CAO), Becky LaLumia (Associate CAO/Finance Management), Terry Huval (Utilities Director),

COMMENCEMENT

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Call to order.

(TAPE 2)(SIDE B)(264) Chair Menard called the Special Council Meeting of January 6, 2004 to order.

RESOLUTION

(TAPE 2)(SIDE B)(265) **AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: R-005-2004** A resolution of the Lafayette City-Parish Council approving the appointment of Michael D. Hebert as Interim Lafayette City-Parish Attorney and Director of the Legal Department, motion to adopt as amended by Benjamin, seconded by Williams (amendment being to add a new Section 3 to read as follows: That the interim City-Parish Attorney shall appoint African-Americans and other ethnic groups and women attorneys proportionate to their incidence in the population to provide legal services to the City-Parish Government), and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Badeaux, Castille, Williams, Benjamin, Broussard, Trumps, Mouton, Stevenson, Menard

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

RECUSED: None

Motion was unanimously approved.

Broussard asked if the word “interim” caused any problems in satisfying the Charter. Hebert answered it did not. “Interim” is intended to convey the intent of the City-Parish President’s appointment and to convey that this is temporary and he does intend to come back to you with another appointment, at which time Hebert would no longer be the City-Parish Attorney.

Broussard then asked if the advice of the interim City-Parish Council cause any problem if an ordinance was challenged. Hebert did not see any problem with an interim appointment.

The Chair offered that this appointment would have been for a permanent City-Parish Attorney except the Chair had a problem with some of the names on the City-Parish President’s list. Since that time, Mr. Patrick S. Ottinger has been chosen for the position.

Williams then requested an amendment to read as follows: “That the interim City-Parish Attorney shall appoint African-Americans and other ethnic groups and women attorneys proportionate to their incidence in the population to provide legal services to the City-Parish Government.” The maker and the second accepted this amendment.

Ottinger was then recognized. He stated that he is honored to be given the opportunity of City-Parish Attorney in Mr. Durel’s Administration. If approved, he looked forward to working with the Administration, Directors and the Council. In keeping with Mr. Durel’s campaign, a diverse range of individuals will serve in the Legal Department.

ADJOURN

(TAPE 2)(SIDE B)(445) There being no further business to come before the Special Lafayette City-Parish Council, Chair Menard declared the meeting adjourned.

NORMA A. DUGAS, CLERK
LAFAYETTE CITY-PARISH COUNCIL